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Letter dated 10 December 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Rwanda to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to bring to your attention the satisfaction of the Government of the Republic of Rwanda following the peaceful return from the Democratic Republic of the Congo of the Commander of the Forces Combattantes Abacunguzi (FOCA), together with more than 100 officers and men, on 14 November 2003.

This event was indeed welcomed by the Government of the Republic of Rwanda as an important milestone in its efforts to unite and reconcile the Rwandan people and, indeed, in the consolidation of the peace process taking place in the Great Lakes Region.

The event did provoke a subsequent strong wish from other combatants to return peacefully to Rwanda, thus paving a sound path to the disarmament, demobilization, reintegration and resettlement or repatriation (DDRRR) process, which is considered by the Government of the Republic of Rwanda as the cornerstone of the total stabilization of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and of the Great Lakes Region as a whole.

The Government of Rwanda would, however, like to once again express its concerns regarding those genocidaires who chose to continue with armed conflict and who, from the territory of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, have been continuously obstructing the DDRRR process.

These hardliners have indeed been forcibly preventing from returning to Rwanda many ex Forces armées rwandaises (FAR)/Interahamwe combatants who showed their readiness to give up their arms and to proceed in the footprints of their former Commander.

The Government of the Republic of Rwanda would like to urge the international community in general, and the Security Council in particular, to strongly and openly condemn these negative forces and undertake appropriate measures to dismantle their network and to bring them to justice.

The identification of the leaders of this hardliner wing is attached herewith (see annex).

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I would be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Stanislas **Kamanzi**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex to the letter dated 10 December 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Rwanda to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

List of ex FAR/Interahamwe hardliners

1. Col. Aloys Ntiwiragaba, alias Omar, based in the Sudan.
2. Col. Mudacumura (Commander of FOCA).
3. Ndayambaje Aimable, alias Limbana (commanded the Bwindi operation).
4. Nizeyimana Wenceslas (Major), based in Kampala.
5. Hakizabera Christopher (Brussels).
6. Nshimiyimana Alexis (Vienna).
7. Kanyamibwa Felicien (United States of America).
8. Higiro Jean Marie Vianney (United States of America).
9. Mujyambere.
10. Hakizimana Appollinaire.
11. Mungu Seraphin.
12. Gaston Iyamuremye.